

River and Stream (ORS)

The River and Stream (ORS) map class represents open water rivers and streams, namely the Yellow and Mississippi Rivers. Sparse aquatic submergent vegetation may be present, but <10% vegetation and usually in shallower waters closer to shorelines or in transition into beds of aquatic macrophytes. If sparse vegetation appears within ORS, we presume vegetation similar to those represented by the Midwest Pondweed Submerged Wetland (HPW), American Lotus Aquatic Wetland (HAL), and Water Lily Aquatic Wetland (HPW) map classes for ORS within the Mississippi River floodplain. We presume either filamentous algae or buttercup vegetation for ORS within the Yellow River.

The LULC Level II unit best describing the ORS map class is Water, Streams and Canals (51).

